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### JANET E. BOSTWICK IS SELECTED FOR THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON (June 5, 2019)—Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Howard of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today that Janet E. Bostwick has been selected to fill the vacancy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts in Boston, created by Judge Joan N. Feeney's retirement. Attorney Bostwick will be appointed to the bankruptcy bench upon FBI clearance.

Attorney Bostwick has practiced bankruptcy law in Boston for more than 37 years. Attorney Bostwick received a Bachelor of Arts, in mathematics and economics, *summa cum laude*, from the University at Albany, State University of New York, and, in 1980, graduated from Cornell Law School with a Juris Doctor. Currently president and principal at her solo practice, Janet E. Bostwick, P.C., Ms. Bostwick focuses her practice on financially distressed businesses.

Attorney Bostwick's legal career began when she joined Goldstein & Manello in 1981 as an associate. In 1986, she became a partner at the firm. In 1997, Ms. Bostwick joined Sherin and Lodgen LLP as of counsel, where she practiced bankruptcy law until she opened her solo

practice in 2001, where she represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and court-appointed trustees and committees.

Attorney Bostwick is chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation and is a director of the Foundation, which has distributed more than two million dollars in grants and other pro bono funding over the last five years. From 2005 to 2016, Ms. Bostwick served as co-chair of the M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program, a collaboration between the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts and the Boston Bar Association, through which attorneys and bankruptcy judges teach financial literacy to high school students. Ms. Bostwick is the 2016 recipient of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts' Pro Bono Award.

Chief Judge Howard stated that "the First Circuit Court of Appeals is pleased that Attorney Bostwick will serve the District of Massachusetts as a bankruptcy judge. The Court is confident that Ms. Bostwick's experience and dedication to public service will benefit the bankruptcy court, the bar, and the community." Chief Judge Howard also thanked Judge Feeney for her many years of dedicated and distinguished service.

Chief Judge Howard expressed his gratitude to the members of the Bankruptcy Merit Selection Panel, which was chaired by First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge David J. Barron. The members of the Panel were Judge Norman H. Stahl, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; Judge Indira Talwani, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts; Christine E. Devine, Esq., Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee, LLP, Westborough, Massachusetts; Richard Levine, Esq., Sassoon & Cymrot, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts; Macken Toussaint, Esq., Riemer & Braunstein, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts; and Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive.